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SUBJECT: INSUFFICIENT MOISTURE FOR 1975 GROWING SEASON

1. DIRECTOR OF PUSHKAROV SOIL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF BULGARIA, TOLD EMBOFFS IT IS ALREADY CERTAIN THERE WILL BE INSUFFICIENT MOISTURE FOR COMING GROWING SEASON. THIS WOULD NOT BE PROBLEM WHERE THERE ARE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS, HE SAID, BUT FOR REMAINDER OF COUNTRY POSED SERIOUS PROBLEM. MEETING IS TO BE HELD SHORTLY WITH METROROLOGICAL OFFICIALS TO MORE PRECISELY DETERMINE SITUATION SO THAT INSTITUTE CAN MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON FERTILIZER USE AND SOIL CONSERVATION MATTERS.

2. COMMENT: IN SOFIA AREA, THERE HAS BEEN NO APPRECIABLE PRECIPITATION SINCE HEAVY SNOWFALL MID-DECEMBER. SITUATION APPARENTLY MUCH THE SAME THROUGHOUT REMAINDER OF COUNTRY. DROUGHT FOR SECOND YEAR IN ROW WOULD POSE

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SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR BULGARIA, PARTICULARLY IN FEED

GRAINS AREA AND PRODUCTION OF OTHER FODDER. TOTAL
EFFECT COULD BE SERIOUS BLOW TO HIGHLY PUBLICIZED
BCP CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AND
INCREASED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN GENERAL.
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